

# EAST JORDAN Journal

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EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN

## A look back at the news of 1995

### January ❄️

• The East Jordan School Board approved a recommendation by the Facility Review Committee to request a 3.25-mill bond issue for a new middle school and renovations to existing school buildings, and set the vote for March 20.

• The East Jordan City Council began the search for an interim city superintendent replacing Bob Johnson, who stepped down at the end of 1994. William G. Hughes, an East Jordan transplant from California, was contracted to fill the post.

• The annual East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Sno-Blast provided family entertainment and fun, and attracted many visitors to the area. Jake Ryan and Mandy Reid were named the Winter Knight and Belle of the Blizzard, while East Jordan native Bruce Woodcock served as Grand Marshal.

• The Antrim County Road Commission, along with county law enforcement agencies agreed to allow snowmobiles to travel the plowed shoulders of roads within the county. The resolution took effect as soon as appropriate signage was in place.



◀️ A CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT the Jordan River was one of the important local issues of 1995.

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

◀️ EAST JORDAN THESPIANS presented an energetic performance of the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes."

◀️ MANY EAST JORDAN residents found themselves knee-deep in water the day a record-breaking rainfall on already saturated ground swamped low-lying areas.



◀️ EAST JORDAN'S FIRST city administrator, Carolyn Sutter, came on board just in time to deal with the city's worst flood in 100 years.

◀️ CHARTER COMMISSIONER Tom Sheridan and his group developed a new city charter and convinced voters to give their approval.

### February 🐾

• A series of actions by Jordan Township Board members led to the filing of recall petitions by a group of angry voters. The petitions, approved for a vote on June 29, called for ousting township supervisor Joseph Hancy, Sr., clerk Leona Stanek, and trustee Lucille Lercel for "re-appointing two members to the township tax board of review whose actions caused an unfair distribution of the tax burden; and disregard of the wishes and opinions of township citizens."

• With the retirement of curriculum director Anne Dingman, the East Jordan School District moved to realign her duties between several positions aiming save money and work more effectively.

• A proposed city charter was presented to the city council by charter commission members. The completed document was approved by the state and placed on an April 24 ballot for voter approval.

• A vision of an improved downtown area was presented to the city council by members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Specific proposals for changes were developed later in the year.

• Under the leadership of interim city superintendent William Hughes, a master plan for city recreation facilities was implemented.

• Former East Jordan High School coach Ed Burrows was inducted into the Michigan High School Association Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame, along with one of his former EJHS students, Chuck Reed.

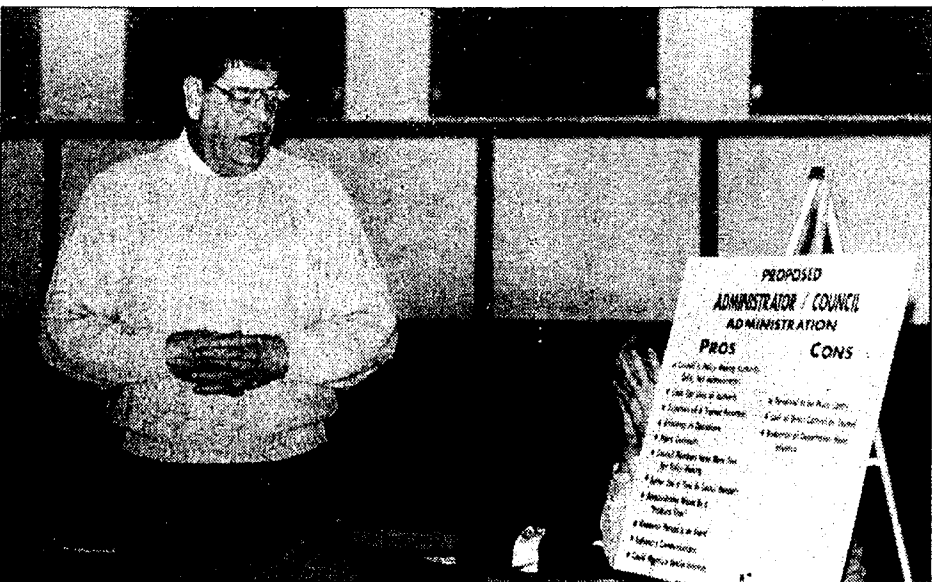


### March 🌱

• Efforts to protect the lower Jordan River under Michigan's Natural Rivers Act gained momentum when John Richter, representing the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed (FOJ), received an endorsement from the city in seeking the protected status. The FOJ continued pursuing the protection throughout 1995, sponsoring a number of activities and forums to educate affected landowners.

• The East Jordan High School varsity basketballers took the district championship for the second year in a row during tournament action.

• An East Jordan High School team took the gold medal in their category at the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition. The *New Twist* team, coached by Nancy Brooks, went on to state competition at



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# A look back at the news of 1995

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Central Michigan University, where they captured a bronze medal.

- A close vote of 641 against and 577 for postponed plans to build a new middle school in the East Jordan district. The school board made plans to accommodate even more students in 1995-96 classrooms.

- The East Jordan JayCees celebrated recognition of their group and several individual honors earned at the state level.

- East Jordan High School varsity cheerleaders earned regional competition honors qualifying them to compete at the state level.

## April

- Troubles in Jordan Township continued as the township board fired township assessor John McDonald. No reason was given for the action. The firing was followed by the resignation of several other township officials.

- A new boardwalk was dedicated in the St. Clair Lake-Six Mile Lake Natural Area near Ellsworth. The boardwalk crosses an eight-acre acquisition donated in 1994, and provides expanded viewing opportunities.

- City council member Sherry Sineway resigned her First Ward council post, citing differing views between council members on the responsibilities given through election. John Michael Dionne, who ran for a First Ward seat in 1994 and formerly served as city superintendent, was appointed to the vacancy.

- EJHS senior Mandy Wittingen was selected from a field of five young ladies to serve as Miss East Jordan 1995.

- The city charter update was resoundingly approved by voters, changing the governmental structure of the city to include a city administrator. The vote was 247 yes, 75 no.

## May

- Interim city superintendent William Hughes informed the council he was not interested in the position of city administrator, but would help with the search for candidates for the position until his June departure.

- Nancy Nyland was selected as the *East Jordan Journal* Mother of the Year based

on a poem written by her daughter Sarah.

- A state tribunal reviewed the assessments of several Jordan Township properties and ruled tax reductions given by the township board of review were unwarranted. A factor was placed on all agricultural properties in the township by the state tax commission, due to an unfair distribution of the tax burden.

- Dr. Roderic Tinney, pediatrician at East Jordan Family Health Center, was named the East Jordan Rotary Club 1995 Father of the Year.

- The East Jordan City Commission approved a DDA funding plan to incorporate Tax Increment Financing (TIFA). The TIFA captures excess taxes collected in SEV increases within the designated district.

- Art teacher and active community volunteer Pat Tinney was named Lions Club 1995 Mother of the Year. The mother of three, she is also wife to the recently honored Dr. Rod Tinney.

- East Jordan fifth-graders in Gary Peters' class constructed a large backyard shed, sold it through silent auction, and donated the proceeds (\$600) to the county Habitat for Humanity.

## June

- A Charlevoix County sheriff's deputy became a regular feature at the East Jordan Police Department as a county sheriff substation was installed. The new station was made possible by the national COPS FAST grant.

- John Kempton and Kevin Keane ran unopposed to take two available school board seats. Kempton was an incumbent.

- East Jordan High School named their top ten students: Kevin Bavers, Matthew Dietrich, Cathleen King, Callista Ransom, Deborah Staley, Solomon Townsend, Arthur O. Wood, Matthew Sherman, Belgie Caballero, Angela Massey, and Karl Redmer.

- Graduation ceremonies were held June 10 for the 64 members of East Jordan High School Class of 1995. Among those students, 28 were scholarship recipients.

- A leak in the city's main sewage transmission pipe under Memorial Bridge forced a three-day closure of the city's beaches.

- The recall attempt in Jordan Township failed by a small margin - all three targeted officials were able to retain their positions.

## July

- Despite poor weather, attendance was high for the annual Chamber of Commerce Jordan Valley Freedom Festival. Several new events and activities drew families for the four days of festivities, including the Grand Parade led by Grand Marshall Adeline Bowerman.

- The city offered the new administrator's position to Carolyn Sutter of Laguna Niguel, Calif. Sutter accepted and officially started in August.

- A contract was negotiated between the city and Riba Marine of Cheboygan for the repairs of the sewer main under Memorial Bridge. The city maintained the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was responsible for the damage to the pipe, caused by an electric weir installed upriver.

## August

- Former East Jordan School District bus driver Michael Wayne Reed was charged with criminal sexual conduct involving a minor, a 14-year-old East Jordan girl. Reed was later convicted and sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

- The East Jordan City Commission approved an agreement with the MDNR. The state agreed to cover up to \$90,000 of the necessary repairs on the city sewer main. The city expected the grant to cover most of the repair costs. Work began on the project in September.

- East Jordan residents faced a "100-year flood" when record-breaking rainfalls saturated the ground and caused local flooding in many low-lying areas. A number of homes were damaged as the water raged through the city.

- Ellsworth fisherman Gaery Warner and his brother Brian Warner of Charlevoix were the winners of the second annual Lake Charlevoix Walleye Tournament. The partners brought in the highest weight to catch \$1,065 in prize money.

## September

- The school board went all out in a campaign to impress voters with the need for new school facilities. The effort paid off with a strong vote in favor of the requested 1.15 mills. The reward - a much less expensive bond than the March vote would have incorporated. Construction will begin in the spring.

## October

- East Jordan High School grad Michelle (Mickey) Grace Hoffmann was crowned Michigan's Ultimate Cowgirl at a pageant at the Jordan Valley Express. She will com-



*CARNIVAL RIDES provided a new attraction to the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival along with many other family activities.*

pete nationally in Nashville, Tenn., this January.

- Angie Snyder and Joe Bender were named Homecoming Queen and King during halftime festivities at the Oct. 6 game at East Jordan High School.

## November

- Five people ran for four available seats on the East Jordan City Commission. The winners: Brian Sweet, Greg Chappuis, Russ Peck, and Lyle Eicher. John Michael Dionne was edged out by 15 votes. The new commission began office Jan. 1.

- FOJ part-time director John Hummer was dropped from his position in the Antrim County Soil and Water Conservation District. The part-time position had lost its funding.

- An East Jordan woman was the target of a missing person search for two weeks until she called from a downstate police department to say she was safe.

## December

- A regional petroleum company withdrew requests for drilling permits on state land in the Jordan Valley after pressure from local environmental groups caused company officials to reconsider.

- East Jordan snowmobilers celebrated the delivery of a new state-of-the-art trail groomer to handle the Jordan Valley trails.

*Welcome 1996 - have a safe and happy new year!*

## cradle roll

- Mary L. Bancroft and John Rogers Sr., of East Jordan, announce the birth of a son, John Fitzgerald Rogers II, born Nov. 30, 1995, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

Proud grandparents are Jack and Romona Bancroft of Mancelona, William Rogers of Mancelona, and Dolice Rogers of Flint.

- Michael William Parsons was born

Dec. 5, 1995, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Parents are Sally and Randall Parsons of East Jordan.

- Paul and Merri-Sue Cardwell of East Jordan are the parents of a new son, Brandon Thomas, born Dec. 19, 1995, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Brandon weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces at birth. He has a brother Michael, age 5, at home.

## Doctor recently recertified

Richard W. Mansfield, D.O., was recently recertified by the American College of Osteopathic General and Family Physicians. He was first certified in 1981. Recertification is achieved upon successfully completing an examination.

Dr. Mansfield's practice is located in Boyne City. He received his medical education at University Health Science in Kansas City and served his internship at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. He has been on the active staff at Charlevoix Area Hospital since 1969.

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# Coast Guard Auxiliary installs officers

During a recent Change of Watch dinner of the Charlevoix Coast Guard Auxiliary, newly-elected officers were sworn in by Charlevoix Coast Guard Station Chief Joe Traverse. They are Commander Jeannie Kilgour of Petoskey, and Vice-Commander Dan Miller of East Jordan.

Also sworn in were the following staff officers: Bob Veryzer, member training; Alan Kolinski, vessel examinations; Roger Tyrrell, operations; Rodney DesRoches, member resources; Hope Tyrrell, public affairs; Brian Hall, secretary; Bonnie Bates, finance; Bill Parton, communications; Bob Davis, career candidates; Mandy Ilasenko, materials; Gene Hutchings, information systems; Paul Theriault, navigation aids; and John Ilasenko, marine visitations. Public education and the newsletter will be handled by Jeannie

Kilgour.

Special awards were presented to Donna and Paul Theriault for their outstanding contribution to identifying area private aids to navigation. Award presenter was Coast Guard Rear Admiral Rudy Rudd.

Certificates of Appreciation from the National Safe Boating Council were given to the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department for special efforts to promote safe recreational boating.

Mandy Ilasenko received the Commander's Award—a special mug—naming her the outstanding member in 1995. Mandy served more than 400 hours crewing on boating patrols and serving as materials officer.

Hope Tyrrell was recognized for efforts in public affairs. She wrote articles about flotilla activities, and furnished radio stations and other media



**RECENTLY INSTALLED OFFICERS** of the Charlevoix Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla are (left) Commander Jeannie Kilgour, and Vice-Commander Dan Miller.

Photo courtesy of Murray Kilgour

with news releases and announcements on safe boating procedures.

A video tape of one of the Coast Guard's recent television programs concluded the evening.

By Hope Tyrrell

## Happy Birthday, 1995

- Kendra Lynn Balch  
 Rachel Marie Bernier  
 Shane Ray Brennan  
 Devion Devore Colbeck  
 Mariah Marie Cords  
 Autumn Irene Cote  
 Colin Spencer Farmer  
 Caitlyn Ashlei Force  
 Ciiarra Nicole Greenawalt  
 Jonathan Robert Hart  
 Britteny Morgan Hebden  
 Taylor Raymond Hines  
 Connor William James Huckle  
 Jami Renee Richards  
 Troy Gregory Schmidt  
 Kenneth Timothy Streufert  
 Nicholas Austin Vallance  
 Samuel Tyler Vallance  
 Angela Diane Watkins



## In Memoriam

Those who passed on in 1995

Anna Alexander  
 Ernest Allen  
 Leona M. Anderson  
 Paul Anzell  
 Thomas Ashton  
 Sims Baker  
 Norman Barker  
 Asa J. Beal  
 Margaret Bennett  
 Percy J. Bennett  
 William D. Bennett  
 George Bigelow  
 Dale Bilyeu  
 Doris Birdsall  
 Clark Bisbee  
 Helen Blair  
 Joseph Blasko

Helen J. Bond  
 Carlton Bowen  
 Natalie Waltman Bowen  
 Howard Boyer, Sr.  
 Phyllis Boyer  
 John Brock  
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 Douglas Cameron  
 Raymond Canda  
 Blanche Castle  
 Sylvia Chambers  
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 Vestal C. Clark  
 John Clarke  
 John R. Cyr  
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 Jenice Kay Gardner  
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 Eleanor Gibson  
 Virginia Saxton Goodman  
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 Della Hart  
 Russell Harvey  
 Dody Hawley  
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 John Carl Innis  
 Grace Irvin  
 Anna E. Jager  
 Ralph Josifek  
 Zola Kemp  
 Albert King  
 Laura M. Kline  
 Sigmund Kowalewski  
 Frank Kubicek  
 Henry A. Kulhawick  
 Alexander Lauroff  
 Mary Lewis  
 Charles Lord  
 Helen Looze  
 R. Pearl Martindale  
 Kenneth William McPherson

Mildred Mullet  
 James Robert Mumich  
 Mary Jane Nessner  
 Evelyn Neumann  
 Leon Nowak  
 Lola E. Lewis Olney  
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 Jeffery Pentecost  
 Owen Rennekamp  
 Ersaldeen "Tootie" Santos  
 Dr. George Shank  
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 Jackie Suttiff  
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 Lawrence Sweet  
 Darlene Thorne  
 Dale Tims  
 Eva Mae Peterson  
 Samuel L. Tison  
 Laurence Titsworth  
 Henry Toman  
 Judge Harvey C. Varnum  
 Grace Walton  
 Doyle L. Warner  
 Harvey Watros  
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*The New Year  
Should Start  
A New  
Chapter  
In Our Lives*

A brand new year is here at last;  
Twelve months that lie ahead.  
Will they be wasted, like the past,  
Or wisely spent instead?  
Those worthy resolutions made  
Describe your future plan;  
So follow them before they fade,  
And do the best you can.  
To start with, you must learn to share:  
For instance, making sure,  
That clothes which you no longer wear  
Are given to the poor.  
Your House of Worship where you pray  
Will keep your goals in sight,  
And show you there's no better way  
To start the new year right.  
— Gloria Nowak

Well begun is half done.  
— Plato

"Create in me a clean heart,  
O God; and renew a right spirit within me."  
— Psalm 51:10

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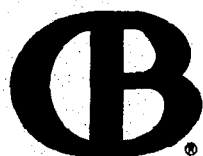
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# Navy veteran deployed to the Persian Gulf

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kimberly A. Hainline, a 1980 graduate of East Jordan High School is currently halfway through a six-month overseas deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur.

Hainline is one of 335 sailors aboard the ship who have traveled more than 16,000 miles since departing San Diego. Hainline has been operating in the Persian Gulf helping conduct maritime interceptions against Iraq. Hainline and fellow shipmates have been questioning and searching ships in international waters suspected of smuggling prohibited materials to and from Iraq in violation of the agreement.

Hainline's ship is one of the newest ships in the Navy, and with its sophisticated radar and combat system, it is able to coordinate all naval air defense assets while in the Persian Gulf.

During the deployment, Hainline's ship also participated in a multinational exercise with naval forces from Belgium, France, Italy and the United Kingdom.

The exercise tested the multinational forces' ability to communicate and maneuver as well as conduct anti-submarine warfare. During the exercise, Hainline and fellow sailors conducted a variety of drills, including damage control, gunnery, and maritime interceptions.

While spending 85 of 105 days at sea, Hainline and fellow sailors also have visited Bahrain, Hawaii, Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates. In Phuket, Thailand, sailors from Hainline's ship volunteered their free time to deliver food and cleaning supplies to a local school. In Dubai, United Arab Emirates, USS Curtis Wilbur sailors helped clear concrete to build a soccer field at a local humanitarian services center. The U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and the vice chairman of the joint chiefs of staff also visited the ship during the stop-over.

Hainline's involvement in the deployment is an example of how U.S. men and women are serving in the Navy and Marine Corps around the world in support of U.S. interests. Whether projecting power ashore, delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo or troops from the sea, these highly trained naval forces

provide a unique forward presence and crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.

He joined the Navy in June 1980.

## Gaylord Classic Sled Dog Races

Experience the thrills of sled dog racing Jan. 6-7 at the Gaylord Classic Sled Dog Races! Watch mushers from across the United States and Canada vie for a \$4,000 purse. The revamped, outstanding trail system offers 4.6- and 10-mile loops and is located at the Otsego County Airport, southwest of Gaylord. Spectators can take advantage of fantastic viewing areas and watch all the action at no charge!

Sanctioned by the International Sled Dog Racing Association, this race features teams of four, six and 10 dogs. Racers accumulate points in hopes of becoming the World Champion, gold medal winner.

There is also a sportsmen division for the less experienced musher with teams of three or six dogs. Children get in on the spirit of this event by competing in the Junior Division.

All classes race both Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call the Gaylord Information Center at 1 (800) 345-8621.

## Runner earns honors

An East Jordan High School senior cross country runner was recently named to Class C Academic All-State honors.


Josiah Middaugh, who also completed the season with athletic All-State honors by finishing third individually at state competition this fall, carried the third highest grade point average of the top 20 runners in the Class C state race. His GPA, a 3.976, along with his high placement in the race, earned him the academic honors from the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association.

Middaugh is also a member of the varsity basketball and track teams at East



Josiah Middaugh

Jordan, as well as the National Honor Society and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). High school counselor Karen Starkey recently described Middaugh as a "well-rounded, personable, and respected student who is a joy to have as a representative of the East Jordan community."



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## DNR advises: observe snowmobile safety guidelines

The Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division advises snowmobilers to enjoy Michigan's winter wonderland safely by observing these important guidelines: slow down, don't drink, and stay off the roadway.

Modern snowmobiles are capable of high speeds far beyond the abilities of an operator to react in order to avoid an accident. During the 1994-95 snowmobile season, 18 snowmobile fatalities were reported to the DNR. Of these 18 fatalities, more than 50 percent were documented as resulting from excessive speed, alcohol or operating on the roadway.

For safe and enjoyable snowmobiling, observe these safety guidelines:

- Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition. Mechanical failures can cause accidents or leave you stranded in severe weather.
  - Always wear protective clothing, including a helmet, eye protection, gloves, and insulated boots.
  - Avoid crossing frozen bodies of water, but if you must travel on ice with a group, don't ride single file. Instead, take different routes across the ice. Then if one snowmobile falls through, the others are less likely to fall in as well.
  - Always be alert to avoid fences and low-strung wires, which can cause serious injuries. Avoid depressions in the snow, which can hide deep holes or drop-offs.
  - Never operate on a street or highway. This is dangerous, and prohibited by state law.
  - Keep headlights and taillights on at all times, to see where you're going and to let others see you. This is also required by state law.
  - When approaching an intersection, always come to a complete stop, stand up and look and listen for oncoming traffic.
  - Always check the weather before you leave, and don't go out in weather that compromises driving safety or is dangerously cold.
  - Always tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. Never ride alone.
- Have a safe and enjoyable snowmobile season in Michigan this year.



### Sweets and greenery

The East Jordan Garden Club did a brisk business in fragrant fresh wreaths and an impressive array of treats and gifts at their Christmas sale in the downtown FMB, Dec. 8. Members (from left) Elinor VanDyke, Jean Muha, and Thora Kotowick took turns tending to customers.

## Precautions help prevent home fires

Fires increased 18 percent in Michigan last year, killing 246 persons – including 73 children ages 1-9.

Residential fires represented 55 percent of these fatalities, claiming 136 lives throughout Michigan in 1994. Fortunately, home fires can often be prevented by targeting the most frequent causes, AAA Michigan reports. Last year, the top three "areas of origin" were the kitchen (20.8 percent), bedroom (13.9 percent) and living room (8.4 percent). Residents can take some precautions to prevent fires in these key areas.

**Kitchen** - "Never leave cooking food unattended, and never set potholders or other combustibles on the stove," advises AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. Other advice:

- Keep the stove top and oven clean. Grease and other food residues can catch fire.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire. Always use oven mitts or potholders.
- Keep flammable objects clear of the stove. Potholders, dish towels, and curtains may catch fire if they come in contact with hot burners.
- Turn pot handles in to prevent burns and stove-top fires. A pot handle sticking out over the edge of the stove can be bumped in passing or grabbed by a child.

**Bedroom** - "Install smoke detectors outside each

sleeping area," Basch says, adding residents should sleep with bedroom doors closed to slow the spread of smoke and fumes. Residents should never smoke in bed.

"Even a lightweight hollow-core door delays a fire, giving everyone more time to escape," he emphasizes. "Additional detectors can be installed inside each bedroom if the closed doors prevent hearing the alarms."

• Make sure there are two clear exits from each room and that everyone knows these escape routes and has practiced using them.

**Living Area** - "Smoking materials are a leading cause of home fire fatalities," notes Basch. "Smokers should always use large, heavy, non-spill ashtrays." Other advice:

- Don't let ashtrays become so full that hot ashes might spill.
- Wet cigarette ashes before dumping them into a wastebasket.
- Before going to sleep or leaving home, check furniture for cigarettes or ashes.

To help educate the public on fire safety, AAA Michigan offers a "Planning for Home Fire Emergencies" brochure which discusses smoke detectors, home exit fire drills and other fire safety tips. A copy may be obtained by contacting AAA Michigan Community Safety Services, (313) 336-1410.

## jordan memories

Now that we are again able to cross the Chestonia bridge, we can admire and appreciate more fully the improvement that has been made there. Along with the better road, it is now possible to go through the tile beneath the road with a boat – this should be of interest to all boating enthusiasts, whether fishermen or sight-seers.

Mrs. Anna Kotovich was honored at a surprise birthday party Tuesday at the Vern Bundy home. Those present were Flora Pinney, Rena Morris, Minnie Gould, Bernice Johnson, Beatrice Hart, Flora Church, and Anna Kotovich and her daughter Helen Coon of Boyne City.

Ice cream and cake were served and Mrs. Kotovich received many beautiful gifts, including some from friends who were not able to attend.

This week while I'm in Chestonia, I plan to wander through yesterday,

throwing in some Green River neighborhood names that may bring back a memory or two for you.

I am thinking first of the district school, where I put in many a day at what I thought was hard work. We had fun too, and days of excitement, for a little thing could keep the school buzzing for days.

Like the day Rachel Lifer broke her leg playing "Anti-I-Over." Or when Joe Miller cut his finger off on the buzz saw and teacher was called to help.

Then there was the day the Stickney house caught fire and we formed a bucket-brigade to fight the flames. I'll never forget the day my six-year-old brother Bob swallowed a four-inch indelible pencil, frightening the teacher nearly to death!

There were sadder moments too, like those of war time when we stopped

singing *Kaiser Bill* to hear that one of our school mate's brothers was being sent home for burial.

And the flu epidemic when everyone was sick and the Joe Elam family of seven was wiped out, except for Joe and one daughter, Mildred. Not long after, a tree fell on Joe, killing him outright. We never saw Mildred again, but we didn't forget her. I still wonder if tragedy continued to follow her.

Sunday School is a wonderful memory. Held in the school house every Sunday, rain or shine, I can still picture Mr. Burkholder driving up with his sedate team of grays hitched to his surrey with the fringe on top, and Glen Brydon coming from the other direction in his open buggy with the high-stepping bays.

Inside, Mr. Burkholder acted as our song leader. His hand trembled so that

as he held his book, I wondered how he could read the words at all. But his voice was strong and true, and he sang with a fervor that touched us all.

Mrs. John Blaksley played the organ. I can still see the way she used to pedal so hard. When she was helping us youngsters practice, or if our singing was weak during a program, she would sing "la-la-la" at the top of her voice to help us out.

Do you remember the first evangelist you ever heard? I think I was about nine years old when a man named Frank Smith, who made the rounds of all the lumbering camps preaching the Word with great perseverance and dedication, came to hold services in our school house.

I sat in a seat near the front and trembled as the words seemed to come alive to me. The impression he made has never left me.

From Looking around Jordan Township  
by Mrs. Vern Bundy (Rosalind Westcott)  
East Jordan News-Herald, mid-1950s

# Income tax forms due in mail soon

Taxpayers will begin receiving their tax booklets and forms (MI-1040 and MI-1040EZ) the second week in January according to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Over 4 million income tax forms will be mailed this year.

The 1995 MI-1040 form contains several changes from previous years. Among the changes are:

- the income tax rate has been lowered from 4.47 to 4.4 percent
- the personal exemption has been increased from \$2,100 to \$2,400
- the 1995 Headlee Amendment Refund will lower income tax liability by 2 percent

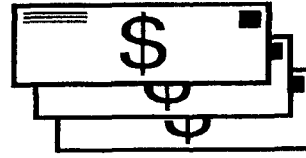
- the pension and annuity income deduction has been increased
- there is a new College Tuition Credit for tuition and fees paid to eligible universities and colleges
- the interest and dividend income deduction for seniors has been increased.

Taxpayers will no longer have the option of applying the Home Heating Credit to income tax due on the MI-1040 form. Decisions are pending on the federal budget and how much federal aid will be available to fund the Home Heating Credit. Once those decisions are made in Washington, eligible individuals should file a Home Heating

Credit form separately from the MI-1040 form.

The Department of Treasury recommends that, to ensure prompt processing of returns and refunds, taxpayers remember to:

- file early
- check returns for errors
- use the pre-printed mailing label (if it is correct) when submitting their return.



## Did you know?

Today most people celebrate Jan. 1 as the first day of the year. But many have different New Year's days, such as Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which falls between Sept. 5 and Oct. 5. The Russian Orthodox Church year begins Jan. 14. The Iranian New Year, No Ruz, begins March 21. The Chinese New Year falls between Jan. 21 and Feb. 19.

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# Caution urged when walking or fishing on ice

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The unusually cold November and early December weather was accompanied by heavy snowfall in many areas of the state, creating ice-covered bodies of water with slushy snow on top. Heavy snow cover insulates ice and prevents it from freezing as evenly and as quickly as it would without the snow. Snow cover is also deceptive and makes it difficult to evaluate the ice.

Specific bodies of water can also pose special safety considerations. Pressure cracks are common hazards on ice cover along the bays of the Great Lakes. Wind and wave action in the open waters far offshore cause movement of the ice which results in large cracks, some of which run for miles across the ice. Combined with windy conditions, pressure cracks can set large "sheets" of ice adrift, along with any anglers who may be on them.

Many ice anglers ask the question,

"How thick is the ice?" when evaluating whether or not to venture out. Relying simply on thickness is dangerous, because the quality of ice varies greatly from one body of water to another. Recent weather conditions can affect how solidly the ice freezes, or whether it has been weakened by repeated thawing and freezing. The size of the body of water is also important: ice will form far more rapidly on a small, shallow farm pond than it will on a river, deep inland lake or bay of the Great Lakes.

Here are some useful tips and safety guidelines for walking or fishing on ice:

- Before venturing out onto the ice, check with local sources such as bait and tackle shops for the most up-to-date information on ice conditions.
- Don't go out alone! Let someone know where your group will be and when you plan to return.
- Be especially cautious early and late in the winter season when ice thickness is unpredictable due to temperature fluctuations.
- Be especially wary of river ice, as it

can be highly variable in thickness due to the erosive action of the underlying river current. Also avoid ice formed over flowing water near shore, around inlets and outlets of streams, or on lakes with springs.

- Avoid aeration devices, such as warmwater bubblers used near marinas.
- Stay away from structures, docks or pilings in the ice.
- Wear a personal flotation device. Also, carry a couple of large nails and a length of light nylon rope. If you should go through the ice, the nails could help provide a grip on the slippery surface and aid in getting out.

If you do break through the ice, try not to panic. Remember to turn toward the direction you came from - toward the ice that supported you. Use the nails or your hands to gain a hold on the unbroken surface of the ice, and advance by kicking your feet.

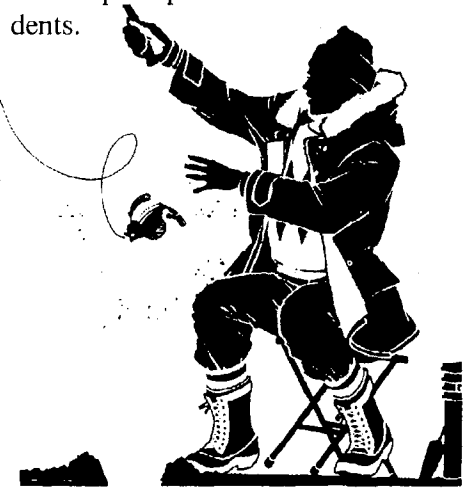
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If you see someone fall through the ice, do not run toward the person. Carefully extend a rope, ladder, pole or line to the victim.

Children should *always* be supervised when on the ice.

Respecting ice-covered waters and taking these simple safety precautions can help to prevent ice-related accidents.



## ejpd weekly report

### December 22

The East Jordan Police Department responded to a rash of accidents, beginning at approximately 9:45 a.m., when a two-vehicle personal injury accident occurred on Bridge Street near Spring. A 1987 Plymouth van driven by Larry Nietupski struck the rear-end of a 1991 Dodge Caravan driven by Linda Teeple as Teeple was stopped in traffic.

Teeple was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by East Jordan Ambulance and was released after treatment of minor injuries. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

A two-vehicle property damage accident took place due to icy conditions at about 11 a.m., when Kimberly Albro, driving a 1994 Chevrolet pickup south on Fourth Street, slid through the intersection at Mill Street and struck a 1990 Plymouth van driven by Edward Morris. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and no injuries were reported.

At about 11:20 a.m., Forrest Wagner of Elk Rapids was negotiating the curve on Division Street in his 1994 Eagle when he lost control due to icy conditions and crossed the center line, colliding with a 1989 Plymouth driven by Daneen Dunnette of Wallon Lake, who was traveling south on Sunset Street. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and no injuries were reported.

A hit-and-run property damage accident occurred about 9 p.m. on N. Lake Street near Hugh Street. Connie

Roberts, traveling north in her 1995 Dodge van, stopped to make a left turn when Donald MacNaughton of Charlevoix, also traveling north, came up behind Roberts at a rate of speed too fast for conditions.

Roberts pulled to the right to avoid a collision, but MacNaughton struck the left rear of her vehicle, then left the scene. He was located a few minutes later on M-66 and issued citations for failure to stop in assured clear distance, and failure to stop and identify at a property damage accident.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and no injuries were reported.

### December 24

At approximately 2:30 p.m., a two-vehicle property damage accident occurred when Frederick Dodge of Ellsworth, making a U-turn on Main Street near Esterly in his 1994 Dodge station wagon, pulled in front of Jesse Johnson of East Lansing, driving a 1990 Volvo north on Main. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and no injuries were reported.

A two-vehicle private property damage accident took place at about 5:35 p.m., when Robert Johnston, driving a 1985 GMC pickup, slid on the icy road as he was pulling into Carey's Corner Market and struck a 1983 Pontiac driven by Kevin Bavers, who was waiting to leave the parking area. Both subjects were wearing seatbelts and no injuries were reported.

## our weather

An 11-inch Christmas Day snowfall, followed by 3 inches Dec. 26, brought the month's total to 75 inches by 6 a.m. Dec. 29. The week saw more than usual sunshine, as skies cleared and overnight temperatures plummeted to the single digits midweek. Highs near 30 came with the weekend. **LAST YEAR:** With only 6 inches of snow falling the entire month, the area celebrated its first green Christmas in years. Total snowfall by Dec. 31: just 24 inches.



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